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LR 302

the committee amendments to LB 922. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Priority bill designation: Senator Bruning has selected LB 628. Senator Dierks, amendments to LB 957 to be printed. And a new resolution, LR 302, offered by Senator Dierks. (Read by title for the first time. Legislative Journal pages 639-640.)

Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to LB 922 at this time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. To speak to LB 922, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this comment that I'm going to make is of a much more serious nature, but, Senator Cudaback, once I say I'm going to leave your bill alone at this stage, I mean it, so don't get heartburn. But there are some very bad judges still on the bench, and that is the element that causes me to have mixed emotions when bills such as this come up. However, there will be other bills where I may more appropriately vent my spleen on that subject. But I just have to read something from a case that was reported by the Nebraska Supreme Court. It was titled In re complaint against Empson. It's found at 252 Nebraska 433, it's a 1997 decision. This man committed inappropriate sexual advancements, words and conduct toward women more than eight times, and they only gave him a six month suspension. How many of you-all think on a job a person could commit that many documented, established examples of improper sexual comments and harassment towards females and keep his job? This is a judge who would be called upon to perhaps sentence somebody for the kind of conduct in which he engaged. I'm just going to read one thing, one passage from this case to show that there are other judges who witness this kind of stuff and stand by and do